Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

1845.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, 9th September, A. D. 1845, R. A. M. 2375.

PRESENT:

M.E. THOMAS TOLMAN, . .	Grand High Priest.
M.E. ELIAS HASKELL, . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. CHARLES W. MOORE, .	Grand King.
" RUEL BAKER . . .	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN HEWS, . . .	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN, .	Grand Secretary.
Rev. STEPHEN LOVELL, . .	Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*
Comp. HUGH H. TUTTLE, . .	Grand Marshal.
" WINSLOW LEWIS, Jr., .	Grand Steward.
" SAMUEL MILLARD, . .	Committee of Finance.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN, . .	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Members.

JOHN B. HAMMATT, EDW'D A. RAYMOND,
JOHN R. BRADFORD, JOHN J. LORING,
ROBERT KEITH.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form, and the records of the last meeting read.

M.E. Comp. Hammatt, in behalf of the Committee appointed at the last meeting, to superintend the printing of the Grand Regulations, reported, that the Committee had procured the printing of two hundred copies, which report was accepted.

The Committee appointed to procure a copy of the records of the late Grand Treasurer, reported progress, and were granted further time.

The Committee appointed to correct a supposed error in the report of the Committee of Finance for 1844, reported that upon examination that report was found to be correct; accepted, and the Committee discharged.

The M.E. Grand High Priest, in behalf of the Committee appointed for that purpose, reported that he had addressed a letter to Adoniram Chapter, relative to the distribution of the funds of that Chapter, a copy of the letter was read, and the report accepted.

The petition of members of Adoniram Chapter, and sundry other Royal Arch Masons, for the removal of said Chapter from Taunton to New Bedford, was presented, and read, and referred to M.E. Comps. Moore, Raymond, and Loring, who subsequently made the following report, viz:

"MASONIC TEMPLE, Boston, Sept. 9, 1845.

The Committee to whom the above mentioned petition was referred, recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted. Your Committee perceive that the petition is signed by companions not members of the petitioning Chapter; they do not recognize the regularity of this proceeding, and make their report irrespective of it.

Per order, C. W. MOORE."

The foregoing report was read and accepted, but the

companions aforesaid, who are not already members of Adoniram Chapter, cannot be considered as such after its removal, without being admitted with the usual Masonic forms.

Comp. Millard, from the Committee of Finance, made the annual report on the state of the funds of this Grand Chapter. The report was read, amended and accepted.

Subsequently, on motion of M.E. Comp. Raymond, the vote accepting the above mentioned report was reconsidered, and the report referred back to the Committee of Finance, with directions to ascertain what sum should be placed to the credit of St. Paul's Chapter for the year 1844.

Voted, That the sum of ten dollars be paid from the funds of the Grand Chapter to the Boston Masonic Board of Relief.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary furnish each Chapter under the jurisdiction, with five copies of the Grand Regulations, and each officer and permanent member of the Grand Chapter with one copy.

Voted to proceed to the choice of officers for the year ensuing.

The Grand Chapter went into Committee of the whole. M.E. John B. Hammatt, was called to the chair, and Comps. Bradford, Rawson, and Keith, appointed a Committee to collect, sort and count the votes.

A return of the Grand Chapter having been made, it was found there were 18 voters present.

The following companions were then unanimously re-elected, viz:

M.E. Thomas Tolman,	Grand High Priest.
M.E. Elias Haskell,	Dep. G. High Priest.
E. Charles W. Moore,	Grand King.
" Ruel Baker,	Grand Scribe.
" John Hews,	Grand Treasurer.
" Thomas Waterman,	Grand Secretary.

The Committee of the whole then rose, and by their Chairman, reported the foregoing elections, which were accepted.

The officers elect, having been duly qualified, the M.E. Grand High Priest, then announced the following appointments, viz:

Comp. Hugh H. Tuttle,	Grand Marshal.
Rev. Sebastian Streeter, " E. M. P. Wells, " Benjamin Huntoon,	Grand Chaplains.
Comp. Gilbert Nurse, " Winslow Lewis, Jr.,	Grand Stewards.
" Simon W. Robinson, " Robert Keith,	Grand Lecturers.
" Simon W. Robinson, " Gilbert Nurse, " Samuel Millard,	Committee of Finance.
" Charles W. Moore, " John Hews, " Samuel Wales, " Joel Talbot,	Committee of Charity.
" Josiah Baldwin,	Grand Tyler.

Such of the above mentioned companions as were present were then duly qualified by the M.E. Grand High Priest, and the usual proclamation made by the Grand Marshal.

On calling the Chapters, it was found the following were represented, viz:

St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, and Sutton.

Parts of lectures were given on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees, and the Grand Chapter closed in due and ample form.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

The following return was made to the M.E. General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States.

The Annual Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday, the 9th of September, 1845, when the following officers were duly elected, viz:

M.E. THOMAS TOLMAN,	Grand High Priest.
M.E. ELIAS HASKELL,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. CHARLES W. MOORE,	Grand King.
" RUEL BAKER,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN HEWS,	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN,	Grand Secretary.
Comp. HUGH H. TUTTLE,	Grand Marshal.
Rev. SEBASTIAN STREETER, " E. M. P. WELLS, " BENJAMIN HUNTOON,	Grand Chaplains.
Comp. GILBERT NURSE, " WINSLOW LEWIS, Jr.,	Grand Stewards.
" SIMON W. ROBINSON, " ROBERT KEITH,	Grand Lecturers.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN,	Grand Tyler.

A true copy of the record.

Attest. THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

List of Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

ST. ANDREW'S,	Boston.
ST. PAUL'S,	Boston.
ADONIRAM,	New Bedford.
MOUNT ZION,	Stoughton.
SUTTON,	Sutton.

BOSTON, Oct. 7th, 1845.

CHARLES GILMAN, Esq., *Gen'l Grand Sec'y of the General Grand R. A. Chapter, Baltimore, Md.*

Dear Sir,—In conformity with the General Grand Royal Arch Constitution, I herewith transmit you a list of the officers of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, elected at their annual meeting in September last, and also a list of the Chapters under this jurisdiction.

I have the honor to be,

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

THOMAS WATERMAN, *Grand Secretary.*

STATED MEETING.

A Stated Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, the 9th December, A. D. 1845, R. A. M. 2375.

PRESENT:

M.E. THOMAS TOLMAN,	Grand High Priest.
M.E. ELIAS HASKELL,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. CHARLES W. MOORE,	Grand King.
" RUEL BAKER,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN HEWS,	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN,	Grand Secretary.

Comp. HUGH H. TUTTLE, . . Grand Marshal.
" GILBERT NURSE, . . Grand Steward.
" ROBERT KEITH, . . Grand Lecturer.
" SAMUEL MILLARD, . . Committee of Finance.
" SAMUEL WALES, . . Committee of Charity.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN, . . Grand Tyler.

Permanent Members.

EDWARD A. RAYMOND, JOHN B. HAMMATT,
JOHN R. BRADFORD, DAN'L L. GIBBENS,
ENOCH HOBART.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, and St. Paul's.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form, and the records of the last meeting read.

The petition of widow Phebe Brazer for charity, accompanied by a letter from Comp. Caleb Butler of Groton, was presented and read, whereupon it was *Voted*, That the sum of ten dollars be granted to the petitioner. That on payment of this amount by Comp. Butler, the same be endorsed on his note due to the Grand Chapter.

Comp. Millard, from the Committee of Finance, to whom was referred the report of that Committee, made at the last annual meeting, reported the same amended, as follows, viz:

The Committee of Finance of the M.E. Grand Chapter, having examined the Grand Treasurer's account for the past year, ask leave to report: That they find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

The Grand Treasurer has received during the past year, from Sutton Chapter, ...	$21 00
St. Andrew's Chapter, for two years' dues, . . .	66 00
St. Paul's Chapter, for the year 1845, . . .	42 00

Of the Grand Secretary, for 6 Diplomas, ...	3 00
Of A. A. Dame, late Grand Treasurer, ... (\$33 of which was received from St. Paul's Chapter, as their dues for the year 1844.)	59 82
Making the sum total of	\$191 82
The Grand Treasurer has paid during the past year, the sum of	44 75
Leaving a balance now in the Treasury of . .	\$147 07

The Grand Treasurer declines receiving any compensation for his services, and is entitled, as the Committee believe, to the thanks of this Grand Chapter.

The Committee recommend that the sum of fifteen dollars be paid to the Grand Secretary for his services the past year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL MILLARD, *Committee.*

Boston, 9th September, 1845.

Voted, That the foregoing report be accepted.

Voted, That the Committee of Finance be authorized to purchase a book and cause a transcript of the records of the late Grand Treasurer, to be made on or before the next meeting of this Grand Chapter.

Parts of lectures on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees were given, and the Grand Chapter closed in ample form.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL MEETING.

A Special Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, Wednesday evening, the 11th February, 1846.

PRESENT:

M.E. THOMAS TOLMAN, . .	Grand High Priest.
E. CHARLES W. MOORE, .	Grand King.
" ROBERT KEITH, . .	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" JOHN HEWS, . . .	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN, .	Grand Secretary.
Comp. HUGH H. TUTTLE, . .	Grand Marshal.
" GILBERT NURSE, . .	Grand Steward.
" SAMUEL WALES, . .	Committee of Charity.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN, . .	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Member.—JOHN R. BRADFORD.

S. W. NICHOLS, . Scribe of St. Andrew's Chapter.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form at 7 o'clock, waiving the usual forms.

The petition of Oran Dickinson, High Priest; Major Goodsell, King; John B. Kirkham, Scribe; D. A. Bush, Captain of Host; A. G. Jaunatt, Prin. Sojourner; John A. Gambell, R. A. Captain; Rufus Rice, Master 3d Vail; Daniel Reynolds, Master 2d Vail; S. C. Bemis, Master 1st Vail; Charles Parks, Secretary; Ithamar Goodman, and Justin Warriner, officers and members of Morning Star Chapter at Springfield, praying for a restoration of the Charter of said Chapter, was presented and read by Comp. Charles W. Moore.

Whereupon, it was *Voted*, That the Charter of Morning Star R. A. Chapter at Springfield, be restored, agreeably to the prayer of the petitioners.

Voted, That the dues of said Chapter, to this Grand Chapter, be remitted.

The Grand Chapter was then closed without ceremony.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

STATED MEETING.

A Stated Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, Tuesday evening, 10th of March, A. D. 1846, R. A. M. 2376.

PRESENT:

M.E. THOMAS TOLMAN, Esq., .	Grand High Priest.
E. CHARLES W. MOORE, .	Grand King.
" JOHN B. HAMMATT, . .	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" JOHN HEWS, . . .	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN, .	Grand Secretary.
Rev. SEBASTIAN STREETER, .	Grand Chaplain.
Rev. STEPHEN LOVELL, . .	Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*
Comp. HUGH H. TUTTLE, . .	Grand Marshal.
" GILBERT NURSE, . .	Grand Steward.
" SIMON W. ROBINSON, " SAMUEL MILLARD,	Committee of Finance.
" SAMUEL WALES, . .	Committee of Charity.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN, . .	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Members.

PAUL DEAN,	ENOCH HOBART,
DAN'L L. GIBBENS,	JOHN R. BRADFORD,
EDW'D A. RAYMOND,	ROBERT KEITH.

The following Chapters were represented, viz: — St. Andrew's, St. Paul's, and Mount Zion.

At 7 o'clock, the Grand Chapter was opened in due form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, and the records of the two last meetings read.

A communication from the Trustees of the Masonic Temple, relating to some contemplated alterations in the apartments of this building, was received and committed to Comps. Edward A. Raymond, Gilbert Nurse, and Thomas Waterman, with full power to act in this matter according to their discretion.

A petition from James Estabrook, Lewis Thayer, Edward Babbitt, Alpheus Merrifield, Ephraim Mower, John Green, George Day, William Barrows, Albert Case, Leonard Worcester, Clarendon Wheelock, Sereno H. Perry, Simeon Thompson, Jr., Asa Walker, Henry Earl, Artemas Dryden, and Horace Chenery, Royal Arch Masons, residing in Worcester, praying that the Charter of Worcester Chapter be returned to them, was presented and read, and referred to a Committee consisting of M.E. Comps. Paul Dean, D. L. Gibbens, and S. W. Robinson, who subsequently made the following report, viz:

"GRAND CHAPTER, Boston, March 10, 1846.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the petition of the companions from Worcester Chapter, for the return of their Charter, have considered the same, and recommend that their request be granted; believing that it will subserve the interest of Masonry, they paying the fees of the Grand Secretary.

For the Committee, PAUL DEAN."

Voted, That the foregoing report be accepted.

The petition of Daniel Balch, Jefferson Bancroft, Edward Sherman, Joseph Bedlow, Jesse Phelps, Joshua Swan, Elbridge Joslyn, Solon Stevens, Maynard Bragg, A. W. Fisher,

and Colburn Blood, Jr., citizens of Lowell, and formerly members of Mount Horeb Royal Arch Chapter, praying that the Charter of said Chapter be restored to them, was presented and read, and committed to M.E. Comps. Edw'd A. Raymond, C. W. Moore, and Joel Talbot. This Committee having considered the subject matter referred to them, made the following report, which was read and accepted, viz:

"The Committee to whom the forementioned petition was referred, having considered the subject, recommend that Mount Horeb Chapter at Lowell, be permitted to resume its labors, and that it be required to pay its dues from the present time.

E. A. RAYMOND,
Boston, March 10, 1846. For the Committee."

Comp. Millard, in behalf of the Committee of Finance, reported that a transcript of the late Grand Treasurer's accounts, had been made in a book procured for that purpose, agreeably to a vote passed at the last stated meeting of this Grand Chapter.

Voted, That the foregoing report be accepted, and the book placed in the hands of the present Grand Treasurer.

Parts of lectures were given on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees, and the Grand Chapter closed with the usual forms at 9 o'clock.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

STATED MEETING.

A Stated Meeting of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Tuesday evening, 9th June, A. D. 1846, R. A. M. 2376.

PRESENT:

M.E. CHARLES W. MOORE,	Gr. High Priest, *pro tem.*
M.E. ELIAS HASKELL,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. JOHN B. HAMMATT,	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" RUEL BAKER,	Grand Scribe.
" JOHN HEWS,	Grand Treasurer.
" THOMAS WATERMAN,	Grand Secretary.
Rev. STEPHEN LOVELL,	Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*
Comp. HUGH H. TUTTLE,	Grand Marshal.
" SIMON W. ROBINSON, " ROBERT KEITH,	Grand Lecturers.
" SAMUEL WALES,	Committee of Charity.
" JOSIAH BALDWIN,	Grand Tyler.

Permanent Members.

ROBERT LASH, ENOCH HOBART.

The following Chapters were represented, viz:—St. Andrew's, Adoniram, St. Paul's, Mount Zion, Mount Horeb, and Sutton.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form, and the records of the last meeting read.

A petition from Sutton Chapter, for a remission of dues, was presented, and read from the chair, whereupon it was *Voted*, That the dues of Sutton Chapter, from the year 1829 to the year 1841 inclusive, amounting to the sum of eighty-four dollars, ($84) be remitted.

An invitation was received from Aurora Lodge, requesting this Grand Chapter to unite with that body in celebrating the festival of St. John the Baptist, on the 24th inst., at Fitchburg.

Voted to accept the same, and Hugh H. Tuttle, Peter C. Jones, and Thomas Waterman, were appointed a Committee to make the necessary arrangements.

A letter was received from M.E. Thomas Tolman, Grand High Priest, declining to be considered a candidate for re-election at the next annual meeting.

Parts of lectures were given on the Mark and Royal Arch degrees, and the Grand Chapter closed.

Attest,

THOMAS WATERMAN,
Grand Secretary.

The following is a list of the Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts.

ST. ANDREW'S, Boston,	Charter dated	A. L. 5769
ADONIRAM, New Bedford,	do.	5816
MORNING STAR, Springfield,	do.	5817
ST. PAUL'S, Boston,	do.	5818
MOUNT ZION, Stoughton,	do.	5820
WORCESTER, Worcester,	do.	5823
MOUNT HOREB, Lowell,	do.	5826
SUTTON, Sutton,	do.	5826

The Stated Communications are held in Boston, on the Tuesday next preceding the second Wednesday in March, June, September and December. The Massachusetts Convention of High Priests hold their meetings in Boston, on the same days.

Communications to the Grand Chapter may be directed to THOMAS WATERMAN, Grand Secretary, Boston.